

# Starvation is Torture, Too!

By GROVER C. WHYTE

No man or woman on the rack of hunger can work and carry on—can sustain the will to fight. It takes strength of mind and body to bear up under the horrors and privation of invasion and attack. Back of every fighting front must be an equally determined home front giving material and spiritual support to the military.

Our boys fight knowing that at home the folks are safe, sheltered and well fed. Our workers go into the factories equally secure and unmolested by bombings.

It's a different story abroad. There our allied soldiers know that at home their women and children are sick and starving. Women, children and old men go to work on the production lines cold and hungry. Our dollars sent through the channels of the War Relief agencies represented in the United Nations War Relief campaign must do the work of sustaining the strength, hope and morale of these civilians.

## DRAMA FROM NEWS REPORTS

Give now as generously as you can. Of course your pocket-book is under siege, but it's easier to give a dollar than a son, easier to deny yourself than die yourself. . . . easier to be without luxury than without food, to be without pleasures than without medicines when you are desperately ill. Thank God you can, up to this point, deny yourself a little and let somebody else 7000 miles away do the real suffering. . . . take the real punishment.

Here is a news item under date of Feb. 3: "New life surged through the charnel house of Stalingrad today after a night of eerie quiet which followed the surrender or death of the last of 330,000 German and satellite troops."

That announcement brought a glow of satisfaction to all of us. But the same item continues:

"Today the women and children and aged men who had survived the siege, many in caves in the high Volga banks, emerged to seek the ruins of their homes, some carrying a few rags of clothing, determined to start life anew confident the Germans would not be back. The Russians liberated 12,000 men and women whom the Germans had interned to deport to slavery."

In the short space of these two paragraphs you have the glory, and the tragedy. . . . the stark drama of this war. The Red Cross will stay for a short while to minister to emergency needs. But only the civilian aid administered through Russian War Relief will provide continuing assistance to those courageous peoples.

## WHERE YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE

We must not let them down. These civilian home fronts are desperately vital to us. We cannot be too late with too little. Give now—once for all—united we conquer. For your convenience, arrangements have been completed to receive local contributions at either the Torrance National Bank or The Torrance Herald. J. W. Post is serving as chairman of the Torrance committee. Other members are: J. G. Koch, Mrs. Dorothy Jamieson, C. Earl Conner and Grover C. Whyte.

This job must be done by Feb. 28, so don't wait. Do it NOW!

## 'Copper Shortage' Troubles Police Chief—and He Doesn't Mean Metal

"Copper shortage" does not mean a dearth of metal to Police Chief John Stroh. Rather it means that he may have to go back to walking a beat because his force, already depleted by six Navy enlistments and the death of Officer Fred Spegher, will lose another officer March 1 when Everett Travioli leaves to become a steel worker at Fontana.

Chief Stroh put his "copper shortage" up to the city council Tuesday night. He suggested that the basic pay for officers, \$145 per month, was too low to attract good officer material and that this should be increased to \$160 "at least for the duration." This was approved by the council but Stroh still has to get his replacements.

One of these was employed this week when Miss Olive Robinson was put on the force at \$125 per month to serve with Miss Lucille Stroh as desk sergeant. Patrolman George Henderson's pay was increased to \$165 per month and Miss Stroh's from \$125 to \$135, both of them having served their probationary period.

Refuses Defense Pay While considering the "copper shortage" the council also decided to recompense Chief Stroh for the many hours he overworked in following the November 1941 earthquake and the Jap attack on Pearl Harbor Dec. 7, 1941 when the police department was placed on 24-hour call.

Councilman George V. Powell proposed that Stroh be paid \$100 for his extra services at those two times and also for his work as Civilian Defense coordinator. (Continued on Page 7-A)

## This Week at the Model Victory Garden

By FRED BLAKE  
City Park Superintendent

... who is available for consultation at the community plot, El Prado and Cravens ave. 10 to 11 a.m. and 6 to 7 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

This week a model Victory garden was begun on city property at Cravens ave. and El Prado, across from the Civic Auditorium.

A plot about 50 by 50 feet was utilized. This has a slight slope to the south. The prospective garden was heavily fertilized with well-rotted manure. The plot was then plowed deeply (about 12 inches) turning under not only the manure but a good growth of green weeds which in themselves are rich in fertilizing elements. The plot was dragged several times until a flat grade was obtained and an irrigation ditch was plowed at the top of one side.

Next week I will explain the laying out of the garden with seed beds and irrigating furrows.

## Victory Garden Class to Start Monday Night

By action of the city council Tuesday night, Park Superintendent Fred Blake was placed in charge of the model Victory garden now under way across from the Civic Auditorium at El Prado and Cravens ave. Other municipal garden activity of the week:

Special classes in gardening, open to all without charge, begin next Monday night, March 1, at 7:30 o'clock at the agriculture bungalow at the high school with Harry H. Stone, as instructor.

A list of men who do plowing for reasonable fees is available to prospective Victory gardeners at the Torrance Plumbing Co. office at 1418 Marcelina ave. Fay Parks, owner of the plumbing firm, is a member of the Citizens' Victory Garden Committee headed by James Lynch.

Firemen to Garden Another list of available vacant lots whose owners will permit residents to develop into gardens is being compiled by the committee and it will be available to those who attend the Monday night classes at the high school.

City firemen have obtained permission from the owner to use a lot adjoining the central fire station on Cravens ave., which they will turn into a garden. The city will plow the land for the firemen.

Suggests Gopher Bounty A suggestion that the city encourage gardening here by offering a bounty on gophers killed within the city limits was received by the city council Tuesday night and pigeonholed because the suggestor, Jack Vargo of 21318 South Western ave., does not live in Torrance. Vargo wrote: "One who I live on Western ave. between Carson and 213th sts., many of our garden plots are plagued with gophers. Undoubtedly these rodents also damage gardens in other parts of the city. I suggest that the city council offer a bounty on gophers killed within the city limits. This would serve two purposes: It would show residents that the city is interested in protecting their garden investments and eliminate a large number of the animals by city-wide trapping."

## Hendy Encounters Delays In Moving Into Hydril Plant

Failure to secure machines and equipment have slowed up plans of the Joshua Hendy Co. in its operations at the old Hydril plant on Lomita Blvd., but deliveries have been promised and shortly after March 1 the extensive remodeling program will get under way. The Hydril firm is expected to move out its equipment by that date, Hendy said yesterday.

Glenn Ogden, head of the personnel department, and Joseph Stagemeyer, who has been busy working out the transportation problem, are eager to get under way but, due to circumstances which it seem impossible to control, find themselves stymied for a short time, they explained.

## Spur Track Needed

The housing situation in Lomita and Torrance is a serious one for the company which hopes to have as many employees as possible live close to the plant. Hendy will employ from 1000 to 1500 as soon as work gets under way.

A number of pieces of property near the plant have been looked over and the Torrance War Industries Committee is trying to work out a program of building that will furnish housing facilities for those who will come in as soon as the personnel department starts calling people they have on their lists.

Application has been made and the matter of a spur track has been discussed, with almost the certain possibility that the Santa Fe will run trackage to the plant.

## Bus Extension From Compton To City Asked

Another bus service, linking Torrance to Compton and access to street car lines, has been proposed for this city by Frank H. Atkinson, who filed a copy of his supplemental application to the State Railroad Commission for a franchise with the city council Tuesday night. Atkinson's request for approval of his application was referred to the council as a whole for further study and action.

Atkinson, who operates other bus lines in the Compton area, proposed to operate five vehicles from Compton and Craneway to Compton, making five morning and seven afternoon round trips. His application states that the service is planned because of the "great and pressing need for transportation service in the Torrance area" and cites the new war plants in the vicinity of Western, Normandie and Figueroa aves., between East Road and 190th st., as needing increased transportation for their present and future workers.

The Compton bus route would travel over Compton Blvd., San Pedro st., Redondo Beach Blvd., Vermont ave., 190th st., and Western ave. A fare of 20 cents one way to Compton and 15 cents from 190th and Normandie would be charged. Wallace L. Ware is Atkinson's attorney.

## WALTERIANS WANT BUS TERMINAL

A request that the city establish a bus terminal at the Walteria postoffice and post the schedule there, made by the Walteria Civic Organization, was referred by the city council Tuesday night to Manager C. Z. Ward of the bus system.

## Showers Raise Rain Total 13.59 Inches

Periodic showers of the gentle but effective variety during the past week drenched Torrance with 1.55 inches of garden-producing moisture. The storm period apparently ended early yesterday morning and city firemen recorded 40 of an inch at 7:30 a. m. for the preceding 24 hours. The rain total for the season to date now stands at 13.59 inches as compared with 6.15 in 1942, 20.39 in 1941, 14.69 in 1940.

## VICTORY GARDENS

Victory gardens—18 million of them—will be needed in 1943 to help expanding food production goals. With farmers pushing for biggest food production in history, despite labor and material shortages, a Victory garden becomes every family's direct contribution to the war effort.

## Citizens in Service Honored



FLAG DEDICATED—Torrance Auxiliary Police Officers Charles Sutton, left, Frank Dominguez, holding flag, and Charles Hale, right, unveiled Torrance community service flag at ceremonies Sunday. Numerals on large star will be changed monthly. Major James R. Helms, Camp Haan chaplain, was the principal speaker at the dedication held at the Civic Auditorium.

## Nearly 400 Pay Tribute to Men, Women In Service

To honor the 728 Torrance men and women in the armed service—including three listed as missing in action—and six local soldiers, sailors and Marines who have given their lives in the war to date, nearly 400 attended the impressive ceremonies which dedicated the new community service flag Sunday afternoon at the Civic Auditorium.

Held inside the building because of the rain, the service was marked for its simplicity and reverent theme that was maintained by the absence of any applause. After the program, the flag with its one large blue star bearing the numerals 728 and six gold stars were installed in its duration standard erected in front of the Auditorium at the corner of El Prado and Cravens ave.

The principal speaker, Major James R. Helms, post chaplain at Camp Haan near Riverside, gave an inspiring address on the duty of the folks on the home front to back up their boys on the fighting front. Paul Findley, chairman of the Torrance Auxiliary Police committee in charge of the event, presided. The service flag display was undertaken by the Auxiliary Police of the Torrance Civilian Defense corps as a special wartime project. The numerals on the blue star will be changed frequently to keep the service total up to date.

## Ingredients of Victory

Close relatives of five of the six men who have died in the armed services were present to be introduced by Police Chief John Stroh as he read the honor roll and gave details about each man. They were: Mrs. Martha Evans, mother of Earl Wellington Watson; Mrs. John Fess, mother of John Junior Fess; Mrs. Helen Schiebler, wife of Clarence T. Schiebler; Mrs. Thea Friedly, sister of Claude Bruce; and Mrs. L. F. Trucks of Wilmington, mother of Arthur Thomas Parker. Mrs. Charles C. Sullivan of 1903 Ar-

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## Home-Seeker's Plea Spans Nation In Fruitless Quest for Quarters

A long-distance telephone call from Philadelphia received by B. C. Buxton, Torrance realty man, last Thursday night set a new record for a rental inquiry in this area.

Later Buxton had to admit, after an exhaustive search of the local area and several calls to Redondo, Hermosa and Manhattan Beach, that he had to report to his long-distance inquirer that there were no accommodations to be had. Summoned from Rotary Club meeting, Buxton spent about two hours at the phone console.

Called by a Navy man who called him from the Pennsylvania city and then learned the home-seeker was about to be transferred to the Los Angeles harbor area from the east coast. But he had to have a home address before the Navy would

## Red Cross Needs 200 Blood Donors Here March 8



Yeoman Howard Bender

## Bender Brothers Battling Japs In Pacific Area

Somewhere in the vast Pacific there are two brothers by both family and service ties fighting Japan—but their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Bender of 2318 Eldorado ave., believe they do not know each other's whereabouts. They are Howard Bender, 21, yeoman 2/c, and Leland Bender, who will be 19 April 29, seaman 2/c.

In Howard's last letter to his folks, received Feb. 9, he inquired about his "kid brother" and enclosed the above photo of himself, taken in a foreign country. Howard, who was graduated with the Winter class of 1941 at Torrance high school, started his third year in the Navy Feb. 12. He was born in Waterloo, Iowa.

## Father Won Award

Leland, who left Torrance high school and enlisted in the Navy March 23, 1942, has never had a leave to come home since he joined up. The Benders have not heard from him since before Christmas. He was born in Gardena.

Their father, "Coney" Bender, is a World War I veteran, having

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## Auditorium Closed To Public for Duration

Determined to hold the Civic Auditorium available at all times for emergency use as the main casualty station, the city council indicated Tuesday night that it would allow no more public gatherings there in afternoons as well as evenings for the duration. The ban on evening functions was announced several months ago. The council rejected a request from Hiram A. Brooks of Long Beach to use the Auditorium for a union religious service Sunday afternoon, March 7.

## ROTARY TO ELECT

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## Wartime Food Point-Shopping Starts Monday

"Can-opener housekeepers" are learning to forsake their modernism this week and are returning to the old-fashioned way of cooking with fresh vegetables as they await the start of point rationing of commercially packed vegetables, fruits, soups, juices, some condiments, dried vegetables and soups next Monday morning, March 1.

## Here's How Household of Four to Fare

A family of four, having 192 ration points for March, could have canned soup at two meals, vegetables at about three, processed fruits at about six, baked beans once, tomato juice twice and a bottle of catsup.

Here is the way such a family might use its ration points:

	Points
Soup (twice) .....	20
Baked beans .....	10
Peas .....	14
Corn .....	14
Green beans .....	14
Tomato juice (twice) .....	28
Peaches .....	14
Pears .....	14
Cherries .....	14
Prunes (2 lbs. for 3 meals) .....	40
Tomato catsup (1 1/2 oz. bottle) .....	8
Total .....	192

These calculations are made on the basis of a No. 2 can supplying the family for one meal.

## Papers Print Extra Consumer Forms to Aid Rationing Plan

When supplies of "Consumer Declaration" forms failed to materialize at local schools for the start of registrations for War Ration Book No. Two, this newspaper started its presses immediately to print more than 4000 which were distributed at the schools. O. P. A. and the press had warned people to clip out the forms, published last week but—well, you know how most of us are.

However, The Torrance Herald and The Lomita News had to obtain the O. P. A.'s permission to allow the volunteer ration workers to issue the free copies printed in Torrance at no cost to the government. Previous restrictions forbid issuance of any material not coming direct from Washington.

Now, if you need a "Consumer Declaration" form you can get one either at The Herald or News offices or at the schools when you apply for your new ration book. The newspaper is glad to give this service to the community as one of its wartime obligations.

## Ration Books Issued To 18,969 In Local School Territory

With tomorrow and Saturday go, Torrance elementary schools have issued 9,190 War Ration Books No. 2 up to 8 o'clock last night. The total in Lomita is 8,279. The schools reported they have received the following numbers of applicants:

Torrance Elementary .....	4,668
Fern Avenue .....	1,695
Walteria .....	2,512
Perry School .....	315
Torrance Total .....	9,190
Lomita Elementary .....	2,892
Orange Street .....	2,875
Harbor City .....	2,512
Lomita Total .....	8,279
Carson Street .....	1,500
DISTRICT TOTAL .....	18,969

## Eligible Ration Stamps Disclosed

Here are the dates for the eligible ration stamps now being accepted out of your War Ration Book No. One and your mileage ration book:

SUGAR — Stamp No. 11, good until March 15 for three pounds.

COFFEE — Stamp No. 25, good until March 21 for one pound.

GASOLINE — Stamps Nos. 4, good until March 21 for a total of 32 gallons.

SHOES — Stamp No. 17, good until June 15 for one pair.

Meanwhile, the rush for War Ration Book No. Two continues at all elementary schools where the registration for the new books began Monday. The "freeze" on all rationed items continues; time point rationing begins next Monday but grocery stores are open as usual and are selling all commodities not on the "freeze" list.

The stores are also receiving and posting large copies of the official O. P. A. list of "point values" of the various canned products and dried beans, peas, lentils and soups and are identifying these rationed foods with the proper points required for their purchase.

## Point Values Published

The Herald is publishing on page 7-A the official O. P. A. point values for all rationed products.

The alphabetical plan announced by the schools to divide the six-day registration period for War Ration Book No. Two in order to avoid long waits is working out most successfully, it is reported. Residents are urged to follow this plan for the remainder of the week:

Today, at all elementary schools in this district, those whose surnames are in the S to Z category should get their new books before the closing time of 8 p. m.

Those who did not register earlier should do so tomorrow (Friday) from 1 to 8 p. m., and on Saturday, Feb. 27, the closing day, from 10 a. m. to 7 p. m.

The government clamped emergency price ceilings at present levels over five major fresh vegetable items—green and wax snap beans, carrots, cabbage and peas Monday night. The ceiling will last for 60 days and no distributor may now sell at a higher price than he did between last Thursday and Monday.

Customer buying of processed foods will be made easy by the requirement that every stamp mark the point-value of each rationed item either on the package itself or on the shelf, bin, table or counter where it is displayed.

This means that when you start buying processed goods next Monday you will find that each item or the shelf on which it rests is clearly marked with the proper point-value of each rationed item either on the package itself or on the shelf, bin, table or counter where it is displayed.

This information will make it possible for you to plan your point spending at home. Once you decide which particular items you want and know the weight of each, it will be comparatively easy to locate the point values on the official table of point value and to budget points before going to market.

Although more than 200 different items are included in the processed foods rationing program, most housewives buy only about 18 different items and

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## Second Woman Joins Police Here

Torrance police signed their second woman member this week when Miss Olive Robinson of 1313 Beach st., joined the force as desk sergeant. Miss Lucille Stroh, daughter of Police Chief John Stroh, has been serving as desk sergeant since last November.

Sergt. Robinson formerly worked for three months as assistant clerk at the Torrance Selective Service headquarters. She came here in 1926 with her father, Ed Robinson, from Salt Lake City. She has a temporary radio operator's license which qualifies her to operate the police short-wave communication system.

"I like the work very much," Sergt. Robinson said. "I never thought I'd be a policewoman but these are days when everyone must serve to the best of his ability. There's no glamour to police work and I'm not looking for any thrills. I just want to do my work the best I can."